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PROFILE

I am a highly skilled investigative journalist, editor and academic in US politics.

I have three years experience in investigative reporting, news reporting, news editing and production. I have worked in print and digital and across local and national platforms. My reporting has focused on news, political analysis, women's issues and law.

I also have extensive freelance experience across a variety of publishing platforms, including *The Saturday Paper*, *ABC News Online* and *Women's Agenda*.

My particular interest and skill is in investigative reporting. In 2014 I spent several months as an intern at the Center for Investigative Reporting in California, where I contributed to a large-scale investigation into H1-B visa fraud and exploitative and unlawful working conditions in the US tech industry. The investigation was cited by Senator Chuck Grassley during a Senate hearing about work visa programs and within three weeks of its publication an executive order had been signed by President Obama aimed at improving the H1-B visa program. I also investigated and uncovered an illegal and dangerous housing cartel in Sydney in late 2014. The situation was rectified as a result of the story and the perpetrator was recently convicted in the NSW District Court.

I am also a part time Juris Doctor candidate at the University of New South Wales, with particular expertise in constitutional law and human rights law.

EDUCATION

2004-2009: Fort Street Selective High School, Petersham

2011-2012: University of Bristol, education abroad program as part of a Bachelor of Arts (Politics)

2010-2013: University of Sydney, Bachelor of International and Global Studies (Honours Class I) (Majoring in Government & International Relations and Philosophy)

Completed in 2013 with First Class Honours (85)

2015-2017: University of New South Wales, Juris Doctor

Current WAM (GPA) of 83 (High-level distinction)

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Rosalind Dixon, University of New South Wales Faculty of Law

February 2017 - present

I have recently been appointed a research assistant for Rosalind Dixon, Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales, Faculty of Law and Deputy Director of the Herbert Smith Freehills Initiative on Law and Economics. My research work focuses on constitutional law and human rights law.

Freelance journalist, ABC News Online, The Saturday Paper, Women's Agenda **June 2015 - present**

After making the decision to leave my full-time reporting role to attend law school, I began work as a freelance journalist and writer for a variety of news publications. My work focuses on politics and law.

Contributing journalist, The Australian Broadcasting Corporation **February 2016-present**

I have recently been sought out by senior editors and producers at the ABC to work as a regular contributor on its political analysis and commentary desk. In the role I have published articles analysing the US presidential election and broader issues relating to US politics.

Paralegal, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers **June 2015 - present**

My role as a paralegal at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers involves detailed evidence review and the preparation of legal briefs.

Sessional academic, The United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney **July 2014 – June 2016 (ongoing)**

In my role as an academic at the United States Studies Centre I assist the department with academic engagement through teaching tutorials. I most recently taught a subject called 'US Politics: Elections, Presidents and Laws', coordinated by Dr Brendon O'Connor, which predominantly focuses on the American political system. My ability to engage with and understand political scientific scholarship allows me to undertake this role with passion and expertise.

Reporter and Producer, Women's Agenda (Private Media), Sydney Australia **November 2014 – June 2015**

In this role, I reported predominantly on issues relating to the role of women in politics and law as well as conducting extensive investigative work and publishing three news stories daily for the website.

Group Editor, The Alternative Media Group of Australia, Sydney Australia
June 2014 – November 2014

As the Group Editor at The Alternative Media Group, I was responsible for the news pages of the group's local news publications, which include *The City Hub*, *The City News*, *The Inner West Independent* and *The Bondi View*. In this role I managed reporters, compiled the news list for each paper for each week and conducted my own investigative research and reporting work.

Investigative reporting intern, The Center for Investigative Reporting, San Francisco USA
February 2014 – May 2014

In my role as a researcher at the Center for Investigative Reporting I worked on a large-scale investigation surrounding the unlawful conduct of American technology companies seeking to exploit immigrant workers through the H1-B visa program. My research involved analysing court documents, finding and analysing cases and interviewing specialist lawyers. I assisted reporters and editors in researching various elements of the story and was also involved in much of the ideas work and editorial discussion. My role entailed working with large data sets in order to help frame the investigation and assisting with many research elements of the story. I received two research and writing credits for the investigation.

Research Intern, The Guardian/The Observer, London UK
January 2014 – February 2014

As an intern at the *Guardian* and *Observer* offices in London, I assisted the editorial staff with research, fact checking and proofing as well as producing my own original copy. I learned how to operate in a fast-paced newsroom environment and how to initiate and follow through with research for long-form projects. I attended several editorial conferences, which gave me particularly pertinent insight into the operation of a newspaper such as the *Guardian*, from the conception of various story ideas to their final manifestation in print.

Features Editor, Helicon Magazine, Bristol UK
October 2011 – January 2012

Whilst studying abroad at the University of Bristol I was appointed as the Features Editor of *Helicon*, a creative arts magazine. This editorial role required me to conduct interviews with artists, photographers and writers as well as to compose feature articles on a range of topics relevant to the Bristol community. This role was truly invaluable in developing my skills as a writer and also further expanded my imaginative capacity in terms of developing ideas for feature articles.

Reporter, Honi Soit Newspaper, Sydney University, Australia
May 2012 – 2013

As a reporter for *Honi Soit*, the University of Sydney student newspaper, I contributed regular stories on a range of subjects. I wrote predominantly on the topic of current political issues, but have also written arts and culture pieces as well as opinion pieces over the eighteen months of this role.

Features Writer, *The Sydney Globalist International Affairs Journal*
June 2012-2013

During 2012-2013 I wrote for the *Sydney Globalist*, a journal that aims to publish a mix of academic and journalistic articles that address pressing contemporary political issues.

JOURNALISM AWARDS

- Nominated for a Walkley/Our Watch Award for exemplary reporting on violence against women in 2015 in the ‘news series’ category.
- Contributed to the Center for Investigative Reporting’s investigation ‘Techsploitation’, which won the 2015 national award from the South Asian Journalists Association and was awarded a national award at the 2015 Society of American Business Editors and Writers conference in Chicago.

MAJOR PUBLISHED WORK

I have had over 350 pieces of journalism published thus far in my career. Below is a non-exhaustive list that provides a sample of my work:

- Trump’s response to conflicts of interest only makes things worse, *ABC News Online*, 14 December 2014, <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-14/opinion-donald-trump-conflicts-of-interest/8095842>
- Trump tape: How will different groups of voters react? *ABC News Online*, 9 October 2016 <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-10-09/lucia-osborne-crowley-trump-tape-voter-reactions/7916928>
- Weekend Essay: As the Sanders campaign ends, the movement continues, *ABC News Online*, 16 July 2016 <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-15/osborne-crowley-as-the-sanders-campaign-ends/7633444>
- Sanders v Clinton: It’s about more than the nomination, *ABC News Online*, 7 March 2016 <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-03-17/osborne-crowley-sanders/7255436>
- ‘Not Christian’: Will the Pope’s attacks hurt Trump? *ABC News Online*, 19 February 2016 <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-19/osborne-crowley-will-the-popes-attack-hurt-donald-trump/7184130>
- Clinton as the first female president: Why aren’t young women convinced? *ABC News Online*, 10 February 2016, <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-10/osborne-crowley-why-arent-young-women-convinced-of-clinton/7155362>
- A bill of rights to rein in the rogues, *The Saturday Paper*, 24 October 2016 <https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2015/10/24/bill-rights-rein-the-rogues/14456052002543>
- Reproductive rights, abortion & Zoe’s Law: Why freedom of choice is still feminism’s biggest fight, *Women’s Agenda*, 17 April 2015, <http://www.womensagenda.com.au/talking-about/top-stories/item/5613-reproductive-rights-abortion-zoe-s-law-why-freedom-of-choice-is-still-feminism-s-biggest-fight>
- Australia’s day of shame: Children in detention denied human rights and an unrepentant government, *Women’s Agenda*, 12 February 2015,

<http://www.womensagenda.com.au/talking-about/top-stories/item/5285- australia-s-day-of-shame-children-in-detention-denied-human-rights-an-unrepentant-government>

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2016: Awarded the Dean's List Prize for best performing JD student in Contract Law
- 2014: Appointed a sessional academic in US politics at the University of Sydney
- 2013: Awarded a first class grade (85) for Honours degree in International and Global Studies, including a high range grade for the Honours thesis (86)
- 2012: Awarded a Sydney University Dean's List Merit Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement
- 2010: Awarded a Sydney University Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- 2009: Appointed Vice President of the Fort Street High School Student Representative Council; received a Premier's Award for Outstanding All-Round Academic Achievement

REFERENCES

Jennifer Gollan, The Center for Investigative Reporting, California

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